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CASE 3：

春（54～68）

男女両方の器官を持って生まれた「IS」（インターセクシャル）の春。
志向は男子、なのに身体は女性化が進行中。夢は、ISについて知ってもらい、ISのまま生きてゆくのが自然になること。
どんな困難をも支え合ってきた、伊吹との“同じ制服の恋”。でも、伊吹の転校を前に、二人だけの「最後の夜」が。永遠の恋は叶うの……!?
「春・高校生編」、桜色に包まれた涙のフィナーレ！

確率として2000人に1人といわれるISを、恋とリアルな感情で綴る感涙作！

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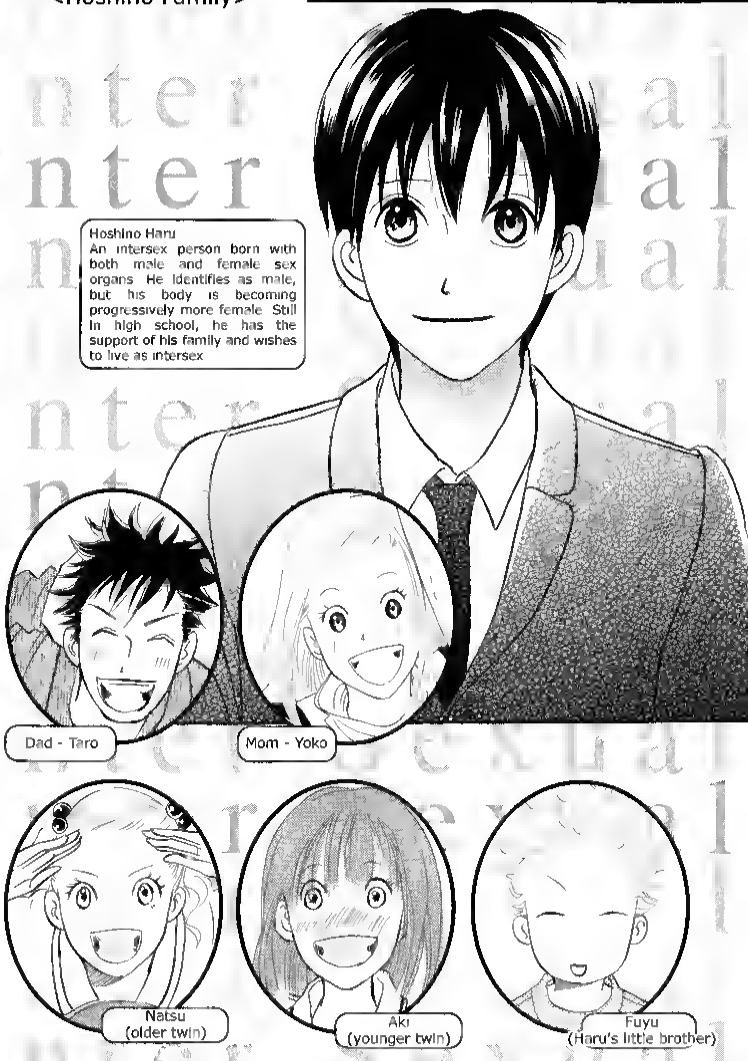
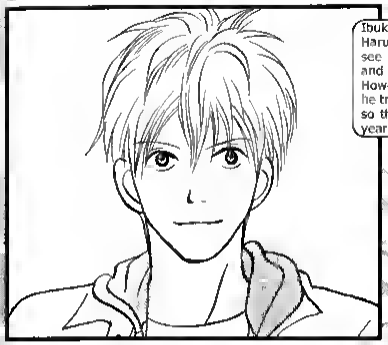
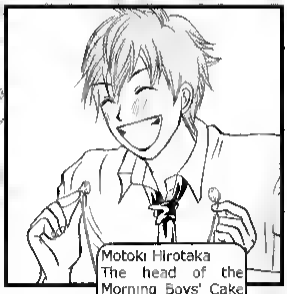
人物紹介

<Hoshino Family>


Hoshino Haru
An intersex person born with both male and female sex organs. He identifies as male, but his body is becoming progressively more female. Still in high school, he has the support of his family and wishes to live as intersex.
Dad - Taro
Mom - Yoko
Natsu (older twin)
Aki (younger twin)
Fuyu (Haru's little brother)

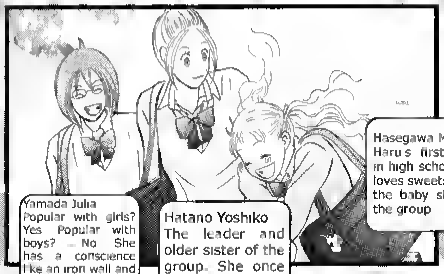


Ibuki Kenji
Haru's first love. He learned to see past "male" and "female" and started dating Haru. However, his father demanded he transfer to a school in Tokyo so they will be separated for 5 years



Motoki Hirotaka
The head of the Morning Boys' Cake Club. Like Haru, wants to be a patissier. Has a complex about his height

<The Culinary Sisters>



Hasegawa Maki
Haru's first friend in high school. She loves sweets and is the baby sister of the group

Yamada Julia
Popular with girls? Yes. Popular with boys? ... No. She has a conscience like an iron wall and is the mother of the group

Hatano Yoshiko
The leader and older sister of the group. She once had to have an abortion

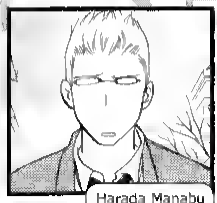
<Haru's Friends>

Daimon Kazuichi

Aihara Miwako

Saito Leon

Suzuki Eichi



Harada Manabu

Usami Hajime

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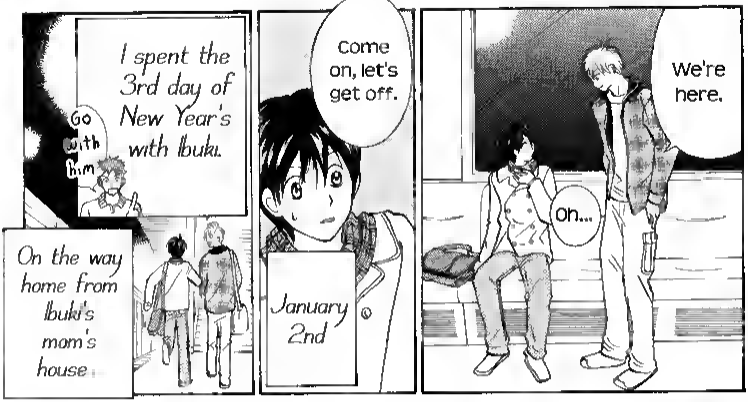
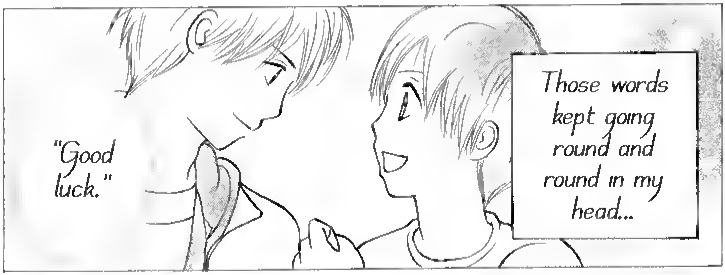
実在の人物・団体名とは関係ありません。

CASE 3：春㊺

I'm going to Tokyo...
I thought your family was perfect.
"Good luck, Ibuki."
Hoshino!!


I spent the 3rd day of New Year's with Ibuki.
Go with him
On the way home from Ibuki's mom's house...
Come on, let's get off.
January 2nd
We're here.
Oh...


"Good luck."
Those words kept going round and round in my head...

I feel like I'm gonna throw up...
He wants to support his family.
I can understand where he's coming from, but...
Ulp!

What about us?
What's the matter, Hoshino?
Are you OK?
I...I'm fine.
I just overate ...
Good luck
A, are you OK?
トン トン
!!
Don't eat me on the back
Wahhh
Blehhhh

RING IN THE NEW YEAR
BARFING ALL OVER YOURSELF
AND TAKING A BATH
-HARU
A haiku
チャポーン
アオーン オンオン
It's not good to lie.
No...
I mean...
チャプ
But I can't say "good luck" from my heart.
It's not all a lie.
Fart.
ポコ

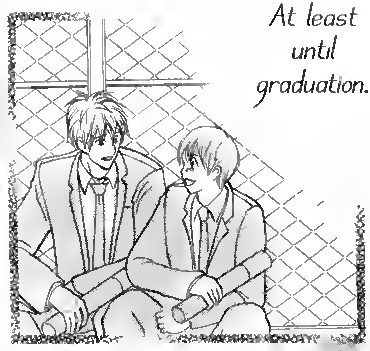
...I was finally able to think that way...
I wasn't going to feel inferior...
For the first time I wanted someone to touch me
I was going to treat myself better...
ハッ
ハッ
ハッ
Why do I have chills?
Huh ...?
ハッ
ハッ
ハッ

Crap!! That wasn't just overeating.
What's wrong, Hoshino?
Are you OK!?
I...I'm fi—
Ulp!
!?

バン
Here.
Get dried off.

Hahal
You look like a snowman
D, don't laugh.
Sorry for barging in.
But...
I was worried.

Can you stand?
Don't apologize when you're not feeling well.
Sorry.
I just suddenly ...
He's so kind.
コツ
No fever?
To be honest...
フォー
There, all dry!!
No one else loves me like this.


At least
until
graduation.

No...
I wanted
to be
together
forever.

I wanted
to smile
and say
"it's been
fun".

That would be better.
Even if we had to part...
I wanted those memories with Ibuki.

I don't want you to get sick, too
But Ibuki had made his decision.
It...it's nothing. The fever's just making my eyes water.
What's wrong?
Hoshino?
So I thought
I couldn't tell him.
ほかあ
Rice gruel
チュン
チュン

Here's a New Year's card from me.
Happy New Year
Here's to another year.
Hoshino Haru
Ibuki has his own road to travel.
Just leave it to me
You really are a good cook!!
Wow!
ガーン
A capybara!?
I want to see him off with a smile.
It's a mouse
That's what I thought.

Let's go!!
Wanna go to the shrine?
Um, hey!
I'm feeling OK now, so...
ガラ
みしっ

Dad.
Kenji.
Here's the documents you'll need tomorrow.
You just go to the school
and they'll take care of everything.
.....
As long as you pass the exam,
you'll be able to start in February.
And...
Don't forget to get everything packed.
Oh...
that's...

Get rid of everything you don't need.
!?
Ibuki's
...dad?

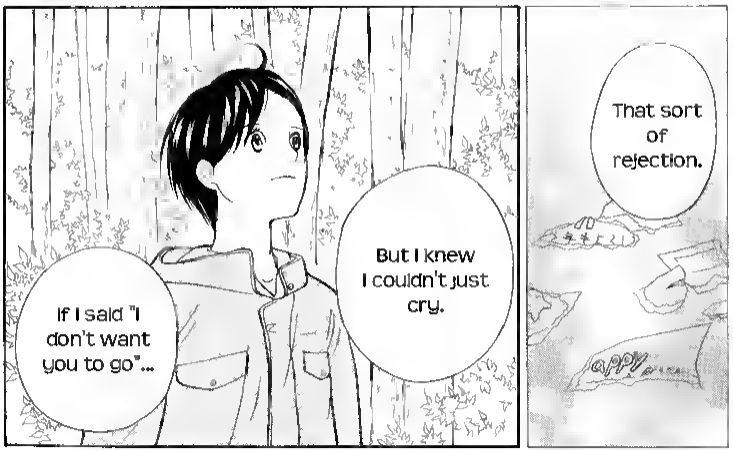
Ibuki!!
Was your dad...
That's ...
.....
The truth is...
I can't ... forgive him.

It's not just that I want
to have the perfect family.
I'm also
going to Tokyo
to get away from him.
I want to be...
self-sufficient
as soon as possible!!
I'm going
so I don't ever have to
see his face again!

To be honest...
When I wished you luck on going to Tokyo,
I was lying.

"I don't want you to go."
"I want you to stay with me." That's what I wanted to say.
That's why I was crying last night.
But...
.....
I've changed my mind.
Hun ...?
After seeing your dad...

It's my fault, right?
That you have to transfer.
……
You don't have to hide it.
After what he did, it's pretty obvious.
It's really galling...


That sort of rejection.
But I knew I couldn't just cry.
If I said "I don't want you to go"...

at that rate
your dad would never accept us.
Huh...?
In...my family...
everyone gets along
and I've never seen my mom and dad have a fight...
So when you said my family was perfect...

I thought I got it,
but I really didn't.
But back there, I realized.
how hard it is for you having your family all broken up...
I...
didn't understand your pain,
just like you don't understand how much pain my body causes me.

Only those who experience a certain pain can understand it...
so even though I want your dad
to understand how I feel,
I think it's impossible.
And if he won't understand...

and make him see me as a person...
and prove that I can live my life
then I'll become a great patissier
I've got to show him
that being intersex is not a handicap.

I've got to
do my best.
So...
Why don't we...break up for now.

If we can't concen trate
because we're in a LDR
it'd make it all for nothing...
I mean...
Huh?
I've been...
trying not to think about it,
but when I'm with you, I feel like a girl...
No...
Now I can accept that that's who I am.
But even if my mind and body are half female...

I don't-
With my body like this
I don't think I can be the woman you want.
In 5 years,
.....
I don't have the courage to live as a woman.
There's surgery
but I can't bear the thought of that...
.....
I can be with you with this body.
I... I don't think

I'm not right for you.
I can't keep... taking advantage of your kindness
and ignoring your desires for the next 5 years.
I don't want to tie you down with this promise.

In 5 years,
I...
after you've dated a lot of people,
If you say...
you still want me...
then I'll be glad to go out with you.
But for now...
I think
it's best if we break up.
Under these circum-stances ...

To break up...
I thought this was best
when I considered the reality
Sorry
of being apart for 5 years..
And I thought
today would be our last night together.
And then...

ズキン
Ibuki ...?
i'm angry...
I...
don't think of you
as a woman.

I tell you I like you because you're you.
And you tell me you're not right for me...?
ぎゅっ
You can't just think with your head.
Ibuki.
If you understood there's no need to break up...

We're still dating, right?
It's OK... If I want your body, right?
One last time.

I want to be with you forever.
I want
all of you.

IS [ai-esu]
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"Why don't we break up for now."
I thought that was for the best.
This would be our last night together...

You can't just think
with your head.
I want all of you.
Ngh!
Ibuki...
I feel so warm...
I...
buki ...
H, hey, wait a sec.
ゲイ...

Ibuki...
Ah!
Sto...
Ibuki!
Ibuki.
Ibuki!
I love you!
This is wrong.
Hoshino ...
I love you.

I... Ibuki.
I want to be together.
I don't want to leave you.
But...
Hoshino
is meaningless
After all, with my body..
Hoshino
Ibuki...
This...

I can't do what I want.
He'll probably just be disappointed.
There were so many things I wanted to say, but...
ミシキン

I love you.
Hoshino.
I need you.
ビク
Ah...
Don't hide it.

Ibuki...
Before I leave,
I want to know all of you
I want our bodies
to be connected.
ビク
...!
I want to do this
forever.
Ah...
Ibuki!
Ah!
I want to be one with you.
I hate being alone.
I...buki?

I don't want to leave you!
I hate being alone!
Ibu...
I'm lonely...!

Sorry ... Hoshino.
Sorry ...
Ibuki.
!...buki
I...
I can't... save anyone.
I'm weak.
I'm just doing what he wants.

I'm sorry.
This isn't what I wanted...
Clinging to you
and... forcing you...
Hoshino, I'm sorry...
えーん

I feel the same.
I said it would be best for you if we broke up.
But the truth is I have no self-confidence.
I don't have the courage to be a woman, or the faith to be a man.
I was depressed about your dad rejecting me,
but I knew it was inevitable...

Meeting you
made me a little more confident ...
but it's not enough.
Whenever you're kind to me,
whenever we're together,
I'm always wondering if it's really OK for you to be with me like this.

and work on my skills,
I'd rather break up
so I can break free of this complex that follows me everywhere.
So
Instead of staying together while we're far apart,
Then
I'll be able to make a decision.

This time
I've really got to think about it.
There's treatment to consider, too.
About how I want to live...
Man...
Woman...
Intersex ...

'Cause...
being a different sex is really a huge thing.
So...
So...
I...I get it.
You're right.
It
would be better if we broke up, wouldn't it?

This... is right.
For Ibuki and for me.
Thank... you.
It's ...
been so much fun.
When you said "I love you"...
y, your love...
It...made me think
I could live.
Hoshi...
Thank you.

I was happy.
Thank you, Ibuki.
This is right.
He's so precious to me.
I want to give him as much freedom as possible.

So he can
live his life
without being tied down.
So he can find
the greatest happiness...

Hey, why don't we meet again here in this park
5 years from today?
Date
The promised day
5 years from now, "the promised day"
5 years from now!?
Give me your phone.
I'm going to set an alarm for it.
You can do that !?
You can input your schedule up through 2099!!
I bet by then I'll be on my way to becoming a famous patissier!!
Ahaha

In 10 years I'll have my own shop
and be rich and I'll use that money to take a trip somewhere!!
Egypt?
You can come, too.
Hahal
The Amazon!!
2099!!
We'll be dead by then for sure.
カカカ
Schedule
Our reunion

I hope
we can be together then.
I'm going to believe in a happy future
and move on.
Welcome!
……

What's going on, Haru-chan?
Huh?
Ibuki-kun's leaving today, isn't he!?
I wanted some more practice, so I asked my dad if I could help out.
Oh
バンバン
Not that!
That's not what I meant!
Oh, yeah... But we've already said goodbye.
I've gotta keep working.
Hey... does Haru seem weird to you?
.....

Yocchan?
You have to have a proper goodbye!
ガシっ
?
Yeh!
カン
カン
カン

Hoshino.
Yo!
Yoc-chan ... slow-
We have to hurry!
Come on!
...What're you doing here?
Haru.
Uh, well...
Huh ...?
This is important. You have to talk to him.
But ...
I told you, we already said goodbye.

...? You seem different...
Oh yeah... my hair...
my dad told me to cut it.
It's a fancy private school.
.....
Oh wow...
Huh?
Ho-shi-no?
... Yeah.
It feels real all of a sudden.
We're...really going to be living different lives.

See ya.
Oh... yeah.
Oh
I never thought I'd be leaving you like this,
but it's been fun.
Thank you.
We might never see each other again.
Today might be

"If we're together ..."
Hoshino.
Goodbye.
the end of our "happy future".

see ya.
I hate this
Uh...
good bye
Why do we have to break up?
Why?
I love him so much.
I hate this.

I hate this.
Oh...
Haru ?
Wait ...!
Ibuki.
Ibuki, wait.
Wait, Ibuki!

Ibuki!
No!
Don't go!
Haru-chan.
Ibukiiiiii!
I'll never see him again.

IBUKI!!!!!!!!!
My heart let out a scream

You're odd for a girl.
I just like this particular person named Hoshino Haru.

I don't want to force you.
I'm so happy.
I'm glad I met you.
I hope

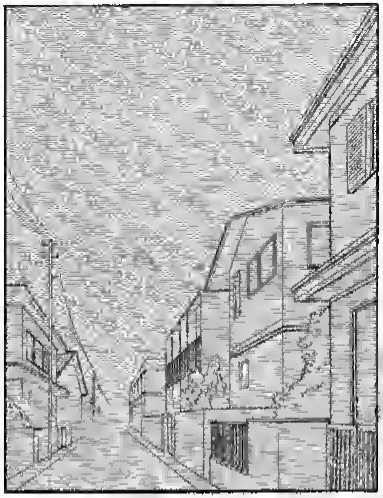
we can be together then.
I cried out loud
as the happy memories welled up
Haru!
Haru-chan.
He loved me with all his heart.
I've...
gotta work hard.
Always...
He...was so good to me.

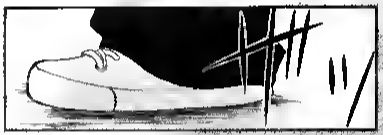
I've gotta be strong ...
so I never have to let go of the one I love again.
Thank you, Ibuki.
Goodbye

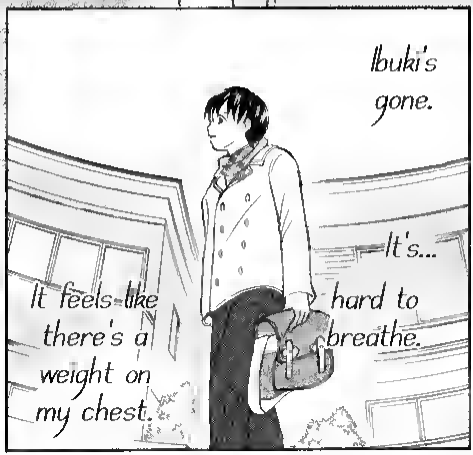
I climb and climb
but I keep falling...
The more I struggle...
チュン
チュン

Mor...
ning...?
It's been 2 weeks since Ibuki and I broke up. I haven't heard anything from him since then.
Oh... what about breakfast?
Good morning, Haru.

Haru ...?
……
カチャッ
After all, we broke up.






Ibuki's gone.
It's...
hard to breathe.
It feels like there's a weight on my chest.

I feel sluggish.
The world looks hazy,
and grey.

"Hoshino."
I miss him.
Maki-chan.
Oh, senpai.
Is that how Hoshino always is?
!
You shouldn't hang around with him.

Haru ...
I can't believe it! What the hell were they thinking!?
He's super depressing.
And never says anything.
.....
He was dating another guy, right?

I've got
hanging on to something like this.
It's just making me lonely,
to pull myself together --
ポチャン

That...
was a present from Ibuki...!
Haru-chan, what are you doing!?

I want to see him.
I want to touch him.
Found...it.

I've never known sorrow like this.
Haru!

I want him to come and hold me.
I can't bear being alone.
I've got to think about it
Haru-chan.
For real
"Man, woman... intersex."
"I have to make up my mind."
I'll get a towel
I promised him...
But...

However I live my life,
no one will care.
What good will thinking do?

I'll be alone...

And yet...

no one will want me.

Aside from Ibuki...

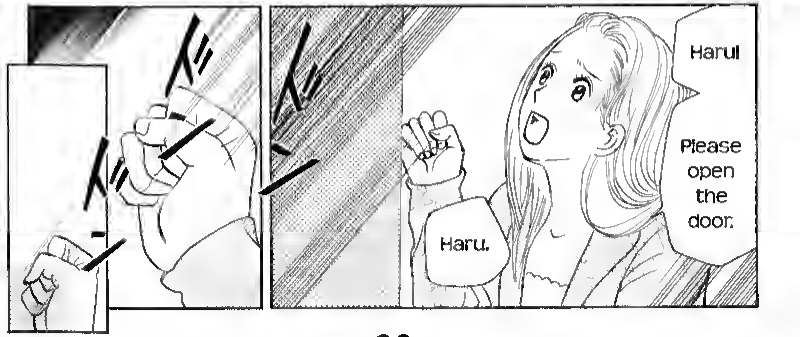
They'll just laugh.

No matter how I live.

"We understand each other."
Mikako-san was right.
"We should be together."
Haru-chan...
Was I wrong
to wish for a normal happy life when I'm intersex?

Where's Maki?
...Absent again.
They knocked down Ibuki-kun's house
Yikes!
Is this my punishment?

bad luck.
It's Hoshino Haru.
He's


Haru!
Please open the door.
Haru.

I didn't want to see anyone ever again.
What should I do?
I heard he won't come out of his room.
Hoshino-san's absent again.
In here
I wouldn't cause trouble
for anyone...
Eek!
Mom!

What should I have done differently...?
Is everything my fault...?

...rry.
Mo...m.
Im so...
Haru...

I just...
don't know.
I can't forget him.
I keep trying to move on,
but I can't.
What should I do?

We said we'd be open...
But if it hurts this much...
Would it be better
not to have fallen in love?
should I just
live my life in the closet?
Should we have kept it hidden?

live up to everyone's expectations.
I can't...
Haru.
I don't know.
I'm so...
insigni-ficant
...and a total failure.

I told you "hang in there"
too many times.
I'm sorry.
... Sorry.
I thought I could support you when you were hurt—
And here I'm the one
who collapsed.

It's OK to be insignificant.
...We
Splish splash.
Just like the boat I used to talk about
can all move forward little by little

Just being together.
Not heading for any specific port,
That's OK, too.
It will be fun.
That makes me happy.
Mom...
You don't have to try so hard anymore.

With all
these worries you have,
I'm sure there are lots of good things waiting for you.
You fell in love.
Mom ...

So you can fall in love again.
...Even if
It still hurts now...

Haru
...chan.
When I...
texted Yocchan,
she started crying and told me
you hadn't been to school, either.

Did ..
something happen?
Maki?
Was it because of me...?
Everyone ...
was saying
stuff about you.
Even senpai...

I was so disappointed.
How could he say that when you were hurting...?
"Is that how Hoshino always is?"
I had no idea he was like that.
.....
But...
I agreed with him.
And I hated myself for that.
I said stuff I didn't mean.
After all the time we spent together...

And I got scared of interacting with people.
Maki.
#11 アアア
Maki...
Let's go back to school.

I've...
been scared of interacting with people, too...
...
Breaking up with Ibuki left me shattered and I was just making problems for everyone...
Oh...
It's not that I want to make them understand about being intersex
Now I think I've gotta go back to school...
But...

And I've gotta buck up.
But there are people who are worried about me.
Haru-chan.
The only reason I was able to make it
through the first day of school
was because of you, Maki.

You're the first one who understood me.
And I want to finish with you, too...
so I'm here to ask you back.
I was worried...
With Ibuki gone
it's like I woke up from a happy dream
and I'm scared...

and I couldn't
and reality was too harsh
do anything alone.
So..
I want you to come back with me.
But now
I just wanted to take one day at a time.
ナリアア

チリン
Haru -chan.
That's ...
Yeah ..
My good-luck charm.
Ibuki's gone.

I miss him.
Even if I can't let these feelings go,
as the days pass,
the pain
will surely fade...

Haru-chan!
And maybe once I have, I'll go find him.
Then someday I'll be able to find the answer.
"Man"...
"Woman"...
"Intersex".
And when we meet again in 5 years,
I'll be a new me...

It's job hunt season.
Newest Ads
In all those job ads,
... Nothing ...
How ...
are the others doing?
the one we were looking for
was Anniversary, the patisserie we worked at over the summer.

I love clothes!
You can't even sew!
I'm going to design school ♡
Huh? Me?
Whaaat!?
We're going to college.
It'll be a glamorous life.
ｶﾘｶﾘ
ｶﾘｶﾘ
My folks gave me this when I said I'd take over the family business.
Look at this!
HUH!?
A patissier? No way, that's too hard.
We're gonna go bankrupt!
I'm gonna be the manager of Suzuki Supermarket!!

July of 3rd year.
Well...
I'm gonna get a job at a nearby food manufacturer.
I'll get regular hours,
so I can take care of my sisters, too.
We're the only ones with no prospects!?
...And how come none of them are doing anything culinary related?
It was then that we got a phone call from the shop.
ピルル
?
It's been a while.
This is Yamashiro from Anniversary.

if you can work Saturdays and Sundays?
ポポポン
The owner !!
The reason I'm calling today
is to ask
Yahoo!
Wahahaha!
ぶる
ぶる
Are we...
being scouted?
By that charismatic patissier?

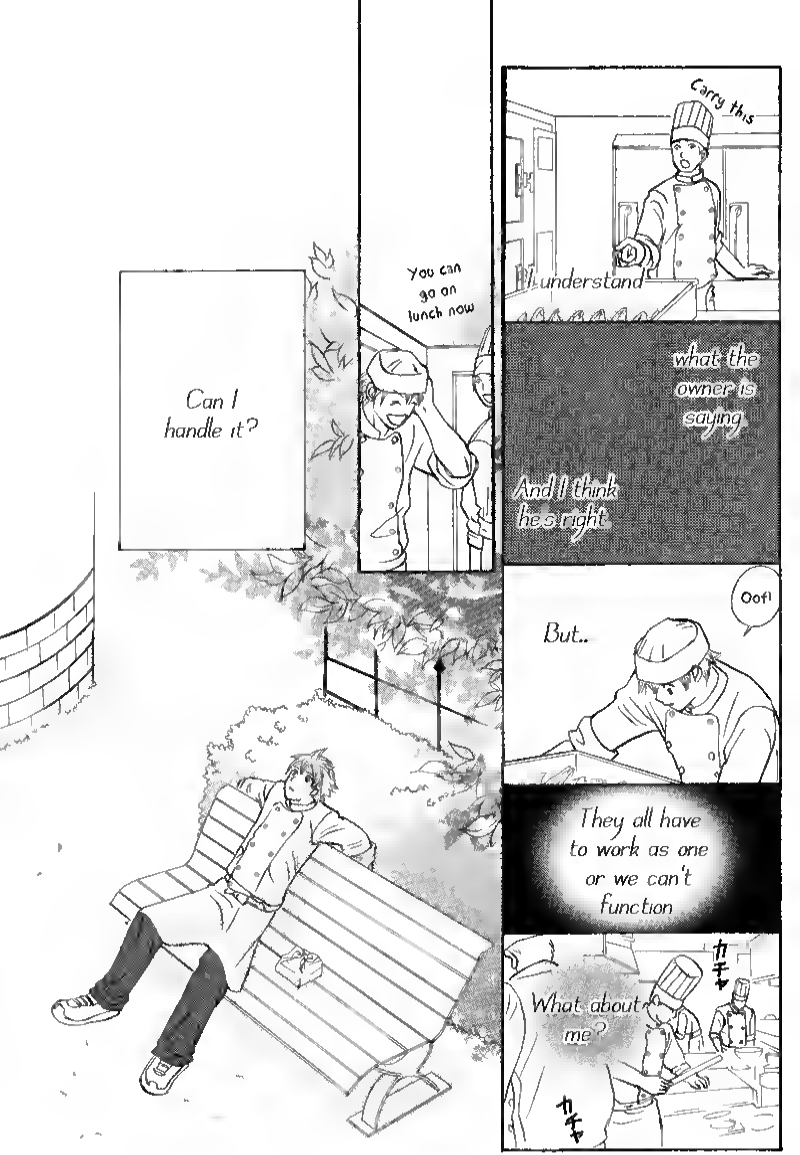
But...
Hm?
... Owner?
Won't Hoshino be in the kitchen,
Huh?
All right, good luck.
I thought Hoshino-kun would be a better fit for the cafe, due to his physical limitations.
Oh...
Besides, you did such a great job out there before.
See you later! I've got high hopes for you two.

Uh...
It can't be helped.
I can learn from this, too.
But...
I thought about quitting.
...I've gotta work harder.
If he's never going to let me bake...
Whoa
We've been short-handed since opening a second location.
ポン
This is even worse than last time...

What am I saying!?
They're short-handed!?
ラおおお
This is my chance!
Motoki-kun.
ゴオオオォ
Are you getting the hang of things?
I am!
Yes!?
Would you like to join our staff in April?
Yes!
You sure are energetic.
Yes!
Having someone like you around will make things lively.
Haha!

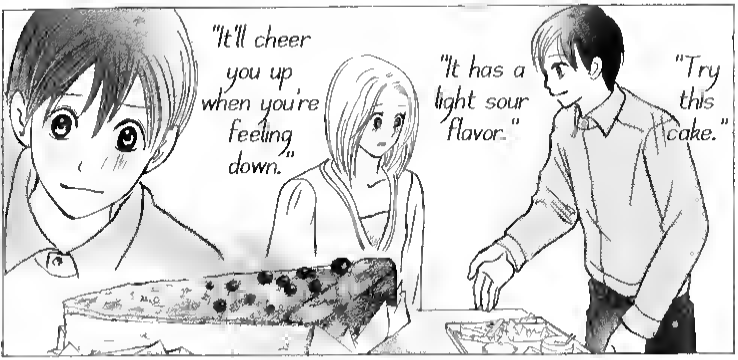
Is this... just me?
...What about Hoshino?
Oh... we have enough cafe staff.
But... what about the kitchen ...?
This job
requires you to be on your feet 12 hours a day.
I don't think someone as physically weak as Hoshino-kun could do it.
In this line of work,
.....
the person in charge of prep,
the person in charge of baked sweets,
the person in charge of cakes,

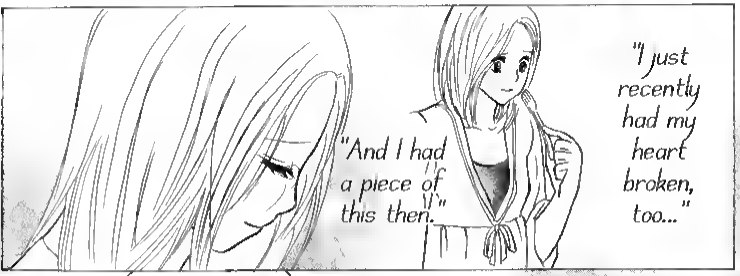
they all have to work as one
or we can't function.
Unfortu-nately,
I don't think you two will be able to follow the same path.
There's no way I can hire him.


Can I handle it?
You can go on lunch now
Carry this
I understand
what the owner is saying
And I think he's right
But..
Oof!
They all have to work as one or we can't function
What about me?
カチャ
カチャ

Huh...?
Oh yeah...
I made friends with a customer who'd just been dumped.
"The thing is, that customer
"

"Are you OK?"
She looked really sad.
"Had a fight with her boyfriend here..."
"And since then, she sometimes does this..."
"I know I should get over it,
"I'm sor...ry."
"The sorrow..."
"It just wells up."





"Thank...you."

She cheered up after that.

...
Huh?
I...
I promised Ibuki.
I want to work here if I can.
It made me realize
That when
we meet again in 5 years,
I'll be an amazing patissier.

"Even if
you don't get to directly participate in production,
"Even if it's not what you really want to do,
you can still gain something from the experience."
It's important to do a good job."
Then...
What about another shop...?
My dad said
Your dad's or something...
"You have to gain their confidence."
don't you want to bake?
But...

If it were something I made.
When I see someone enjoying a cake
I think how awesome it would be
Well... of course I do.
But...
I'm not confident about my strength...
It's true
maybe people will appreciate me...
And maybe if I do my best,

So even if it means taking the long way round,
I want to do
the best I can right now.
A single night's sleep refreshes me.
forget so easily.
ガシャ
ガシャ
ガシャッ
...

The freedom to pursue happiness.
Take a break!
You're really working hard!
Oh
I'm done!
Love.
Dreams.
I've never had to question being a man.
I'm blessed.
ピチチ
But I've never
tried to reach for anything before.

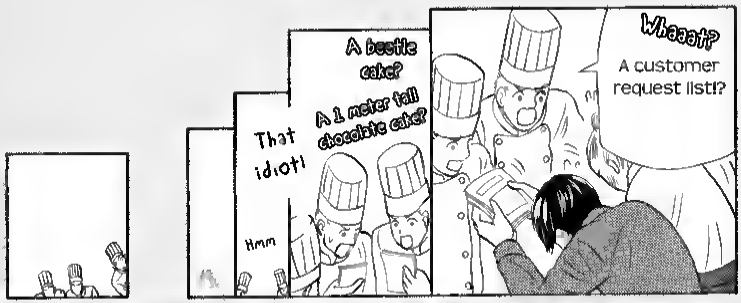
any time...
I could have started
Ahaha
I can't let this chance get away!!

Hmm ...
The sweeter the better...
Then I recommend this one.
It has two layers of sweet chocolate.
Ok, I'll take it ♡
カチャッ
カリカリカリ
Yes-chan bun
Pretty
Male
The sweeter the better
Gateau chocolate honey macchiato
Wahhh

I want dangos!
Um... Chief
OK, but don't tell anyone
おだんごだニャー
Look, a kitty
It's yummy.
Just for you
ガチャ
わっせ
わっせ
and is still aiming high
but he accepts it
He has a handicap,
Done!

Hey, did you hear we've been getting more customers?
Whoa
And that new guy remembers them all.
Haru-chan! I brought my friends!
Hoshino is... amazing.
.....
memorized their favorites.
I heard he's
What?
Who do you think you are?
You want us to make characters for the kids!?
Right!
Motoki! Get a cake form ready!
Yay! A puppy!
I don't want to lose.

I've gotta work hard.
I'm sorry.
But just one character would make them really happy.
Here you go.
Chef
How's this?
IT WAS YUMMY!
THANK YOU!


Whaaat?
A customer request list!?
A beetle cake?
A 1 meter tall chocolate cake?
That idiot!
Hmm

One more try
It's too hard, though
Wow...
Yay!
Tell me...

Business has been great for us on the weekends.
.....
What's Hoshino-kun like at school?
Huh...?
He...
first started at our school as a girl.
!?
Because he's intersex
they wouldn't let him attend as a boy.
since he'd lived as a boy up until then
he was eventually allowed to change his status at school.
But...

He's always full of surprises.
The reason he's so weak
is because he's intersex...
He changes how people see him.
At first I laughed at him, too.
But now we're good friends...
But his heart is strong,
so he can overcome anything.

Just being with him
puts me in a better mood.
He draws everyone to him without even trying.

Hoshino-kun.
Motoki-kun told me
you'd like to work here, even if it's just part time.
I would.
About your body, though...
Working here,
.....
you might run into some of the people who bullied you
and there might be rumors.

I think working in the cafe
can be good experience for a patissier, too.
.....
I might not ever put you in the kitchen.
That doesn't matter.
You're not
giving up on your dream?
No, I'm not.

So...
...I still haven't made any headway with my dreams, or my body.
I'm not going to give up until I'm satisfied.
I've just got to work as hard as I can.
An allergy-free cake?
...wanted him to at least be able to have some cake on his birthday ...

No flour, eggs, or milk.
This is mostly squash and sweet potatoes...
Make sure to wash everything thoroughly
after baking the regular cakes
so that not a single grain of flour gets in
Double-check the utensils, too.
All right! Let's make the best cake ever!!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

YUM!
Are your parents home?

things have really begun to change at the shop.
Ever since Hoshino-kun started working there,
With being inter-sex,
and what he went through at school,
But he has the power to bring every-one together.
For right now
he'd just be working in the cafe...
It wouldn't be surprising
if he hated people.

I...
want to see how he grows.
And someday I'd like him to sit in on meetings and offer suggestions for new menu items.
But after hours,
I'd like to personally train him as a patissier.
Will you
join my staff
starting in April?

I know
there's no
easy
way
You totally got scouted.
Cool!
Hoshino!
So I've just gotta give it my all.
Let's aim for the top!!

CASE 3：春㊾

I can hear an airplane
ゴォォ
in the distance.
I wonder where it's going...
Oh...
You'll catch a cold if you nap there.
...Haru.

カラ
R, right.
ゴォォォ
It's so far away.
I heard...
Ibuki's dad got transferred overseas.
And took Ibuki with him...

Thanks... Ibuki.
And I figured our paths had diverged for good.
I knew I had to put an end to being in love.
I'm gonna be a patissier!!

Maybe the world only has use for those who are men or women.
But there are still things I can do with an intersex body
If I can't get experience, I'll blow them away with my book smarts!!
December of 3rd year.
Almost graduation.
See you later!
I've gotta find a way to make it on my own.

Intersex Question Box
JINX
UNLUCKY POST
Sorry.
It's been 3 years of non-stop graffiti for you, hasn't it?
I...relied on Ibuki too much.
Whaaat!?
"Intersex Chat"???
And now
I found myself wanting to explain myself again.

But...
why now?
'Cause high school's almost over.
Intersex Chat
Place : Cooking
Time :
And I want at least a few people
to know the truth.
But...
All anyone's gonna want to hear...
and for Ibuki, since he isn't here anymore.
Both for myself

That's OK.
.....
...Right?
is about you and Ibuki's relation-ship.
Even if it's only out of curiosity.
As long as...
they're willing to listen a little.
I just want them to understand.

How cute!
And how her love supported me.
What's this?
when I was born.
To know how my mom felt
IS Chat
Candy!
Ooh
#117
#117
Please ask about these things.
カラー
I want to thank you all for coming.
Please.
Let me reach them.

What was it like between you and Ibuki-kun?
It was just like Motoki said.
I have a question!
But...
He's doing it!
Does he like guys?
Did they have sex?
Are you trying to be a goody-two-shoes by having this chat?
I don't want to lie.

I don't want to feel
like graduation means running away.
And Ibuki and I didn't have sex.
...I mean...
I can't...
.....
It's not like a romance between two guys.

At first
I came to school as a girl
and Ibuki always thought I was a girl.
But then they let me be a guy
and he said that was OK.
The fact that he accepted me made me so happy.

But ...
made me like myself for the first time.
And the girls
When I thought about being with him forever,
I got too close.
I don't know
if my body might change.
And I don't want to be a woman.

so only our hearts could be connected.
I couldn't show him my body
I was so happy.
But even if it was only for a moment,

But we intersex
We don't belong to any country
are like boats drifting between the waves.
I don't think it'll ever happen again...
All alone on the ocean...
without anyone else like us.
We're anxious.
and we may never reach any other country...

That's why I think it's a miracle
when two people love each other and understand each other.
You can think Hoshino Haru is a weirdo.
I don't care.
Everyone feels the same.
"I want to be connected to someone."
But I don't want you to look
at other intersex people with prejudice.

We're all just people
burdened with the same loneliness.
And we're all searching desperately
for a path we can't pin down.
All our lives...
ガラ

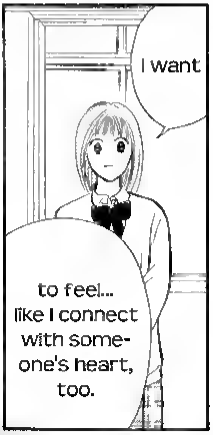
Can I say something?
I...
used to be really fat.
They called me a sumo wrestler
and teased me constantly.
About feeling like if the person you liked knew the real you they'd hate you.
So...
I understand how you feel.
Thank you.
to get that off my chest.
It feels good

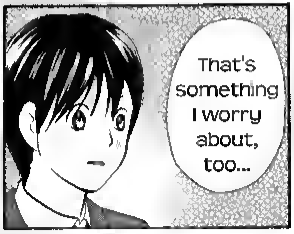
Even if they don't understand

how hard it is to be intersex.

As long as they don't just think of me

as a curiosity.





I just want them to feel
like it's OK if we're all different.
Woohoo! This is our final cake club duty!!

Cookies for everyone!
Graduation!
We can put intersex info in with the cookies.
Huh?
Just write something up!!
Hoshino!
Huh?
Yeah!
we can widen the intersex sphere even further!
With the power of the cake club
!
the word's getting out!
Little by little
I don't want to have regrets.

I lived my high school years
to the fullest.
I want to etch that in my heart.
Yum!
Hey!
Done!

it was the day before graduation.
Then...

I wanted to save
each and every
memory of me and Ibuki
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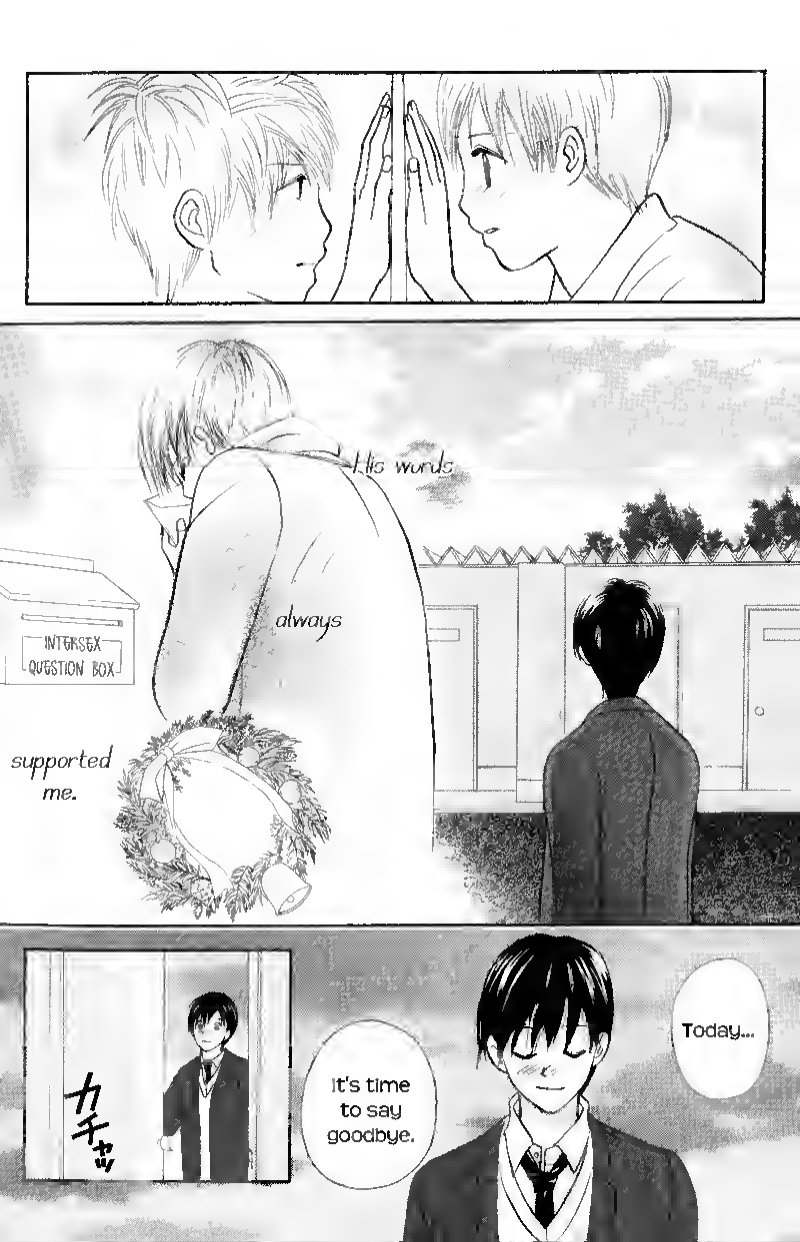
His words
always
supported
me.
INTERSEX
QUESTION BOX
カチャッ
Today...
It's time
to say
goodbye.

YAAAAAY!
I knew you'd come!
Huh!?
We just wanted to see you.
I said you'd show up if we just waited here.
Now we're all together!
Guys...

Ahhhh!
High school's been the best!
I like studying
Don't call me funny
How come? You're funny.
But I've never been good at making friends.
It's thanks to you, Haru-chan.
That's why the four of us had so much fun.
Because you're such an oddball, she didn't stand out!!
Hey
I... I wish you could go to college, too,
You're smart Yocchan.
I don't want to.

They still rely on me.
And I've caused so much trouble for my mom already.
I've gotta take care of my sisters.
You'd all better come to my show ♡
Whaaat!?
I'm gonna be a designer!!
It was fun.
now graduation is here.
But...

Wow!
They're beautiful...
Thanks... guys...
It's like they're blooming just for us.
...Yeah.
It was fun.
It really was...

And now we're all
going our separate ways...
I wish we could have seen
Ibuki-kun and Haru-chan together.
.....

It's all because of you
Thank you.
that I found a miracle.

This time
has been
irreplaceable.

卒業式
note Graduation
Please take one
バサ
Thank you!
Those who understand me
and those who don't.
and that's how I was able to make it through.
I've met all sorts of people

and teachers ...
and friends
With the support of my family
I'm glad to have attended high school for these past 3 years.

ゴオオ
I wonder
if Ibuki's graduating somewhere, too...
I hope he's happy.
I hope he's smiling.

That's all
I need.
Hashino!
and today we were able to graduate without a hitch.
Dear Ibuki...
We've all gotten stronger little by little

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What you need
Dog
Leash
Please don't read if you're eating
And now the topic of today's afterword is...
I'll show you how I come up with a story
Something a little different
Not about animals for once
AFTERWORD
Hello Rokuhana here.
Haru has finally graduated
while walking my dog.
So I think up stories
has always made me sleepy.
Sitting at a desk
Huh?
Come on, let's go!

ガサッ
So I stick to nature trails
If there's people around, they always want to chat
Taking a walk
Oh, what are you doing?
And when that happens, I completely lose track of where my story was going
the story expands by leaps and bounds.
Surrounded by the tranquil greenery of Mie Prefecture
ホーホケキョ
Huh?
Thank you
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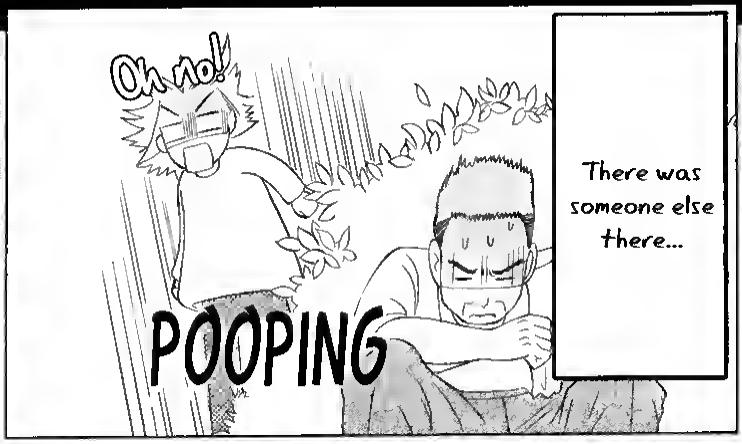
IDUKI
Uh-huh uh-huh


Oh no!
POOPING
There was someone else there...

And poof my story was gone.

He couldn't move
and I had been so caught up in my story
that there was only 1 meter between us.
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Wah!
Wah!

SORRY!
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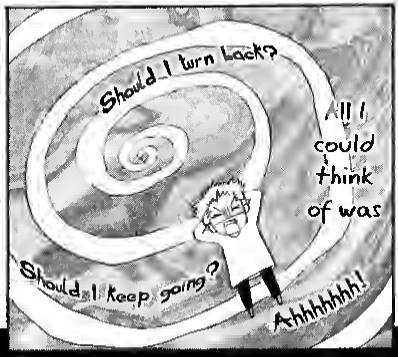
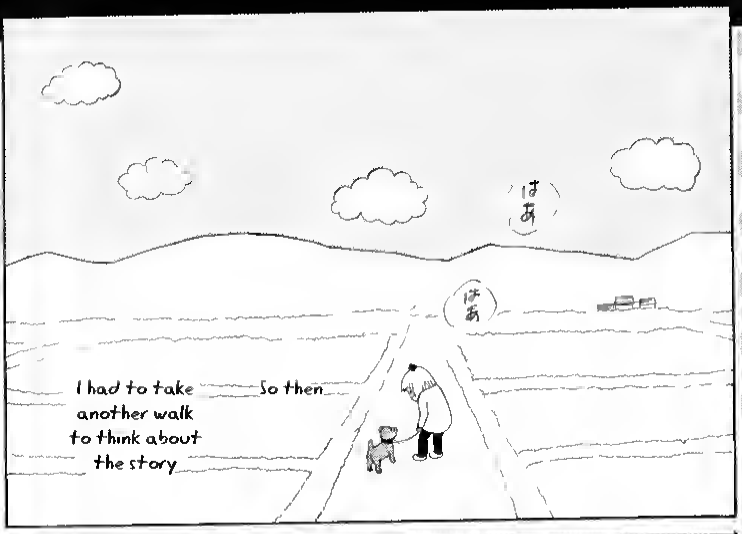

Should I turn back?
All I could think of was
Should I keep going?
Ahhhhhhh!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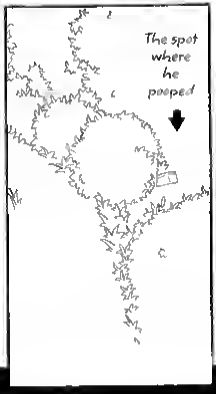
I had to take another walk to think about the story
So then

BUT.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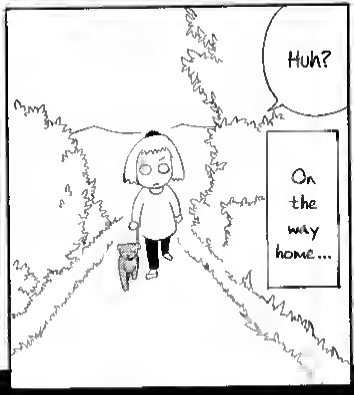
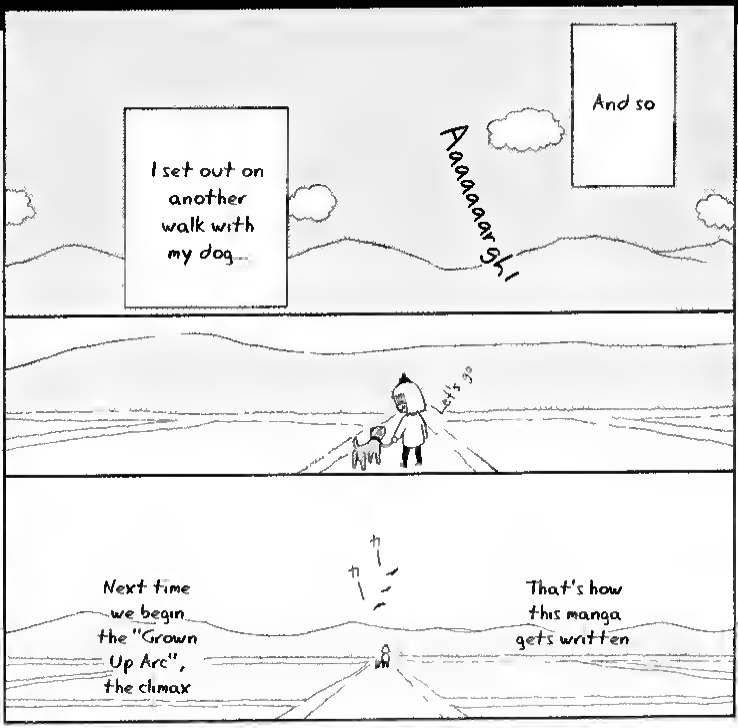

Huh?
On the way home...

Did you say
Woof ?
Tissue!
ズーム
ふんわり
He covered it with a tissue
A tissue ..!?
Tissue!
He loves tissues!
Tissue!
Woof!
Woof!
WAAAAAH!

Eeeek!
ぱしっ
TISSUE!
Stoooooooop!
NO
Woof?
Huh...
Is this a game?
Woof!
Noooooooo!
Of course the story had completely disappeared



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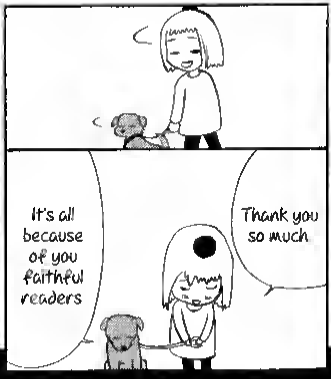

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